

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

March 4, 2016

Jack Oman Project Manager Atlantic Richfield Company 4 Centerpointe Drive La Palma, CA 90623-1066

Re:

Anaconda Yerington Mine Site OU4

Approval of Modifications to Phase 1 Field Sampling and Analysis Plan

Dear Jack,

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the following document: *Proposed Modifications to the Phase 1 Field Sampling and Analysis Plan dated July 21, 2014 for the Anaconda Evaporation Ponds (OU-4a), January 22, 2016.*

EPA approves the modifications. Please provide information about the scheduling of field work as those details become available. We can participate in any follow-up discussions and field meetings as necessary. We are also willing to discuss any further modifications that may become necessary as field work proceeds.

Based on our conversations EPA understands that lower selenium reporting limits can be implemented for this round of field work. Also, we understand that EPA's previous comments regarding lysimeter installation procedures will be taken into account during the upcoming field work. Please let me know if you have a different understanding. Thank you.

Best Regards,

David A. Seter, P.E.

Remedial Project Manager

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